

THE "HORN SNAKE" OF PICKENS

Greenville Daily Piedmont.

In another column of this page will be found an editorial from The Pickens Sentinel setting forth statements of various persons in Pickens county who say they have seen the "horn snake" over there. The Piedmont has no reason for disputing their truthfulness and does not doubt that they thought they saw the reptile which we have contended existed only in the imagination of Editor Hiott of The Sentinel.

It does look somewhat as if he has us "beaten" as to this strange serpent, yet we shall not concede his triumph until our inquiries to the most eminent American herpetologist have been answered. Until that information is supplied The Piedmont will rest its case.

Some of The Sentinel's informants describe the "horn snake" as being "nearly nine feet long and as large as an average man's thigh" and "as large as a man's leg at the knee."

Such assertions heavily tax our credulity.

An old preacher once told some boys of the Bible lesson he was going to read the next morning at church. The boys, finding the place, in his Bible glued together the connecting pages. The next morning he read on the bottom of one page, "When Noah was one hundred and twenty years old he took unto himself a wife who was,"—then turning the page—"140 cubits long—40 cubits wide, built of gopher wood—and covered with pitch inside and out." He was naturally puzzled at this. He read it again, verified it, and then said, "My friends, this is the first time I ever met this in the Bible, but I accept this as an evidence of the assertion that we are fearfully and wonderfully made."

So we accept the statements in The Pickens Sentinel as evidence of the assertion that snakes over there are "fearfully and wonderfully made."

Marion Star

Editor Gary Hiott of the Pickens Sentinel is attempting to prove to the Greenville Piedmont that a horned snake is a familiar sight in Pickens County. And it seems that this Pickens brand of horned snake is also the celebrated hoop-snake. When struck a mortal blow it jumps up spits in its hand and sticks its horn in the ground. When it Jekyll-Hydes itself into the hoop variety of varmint and strikes a tree—the tree withers and dies. The Sentinel proves its case by old and reliable citizens, who have caught or killed these snakes from way-back-yonder until the present time. We are taking no part in this bitter controversy, knowing little about snakes and caring less. Our pet aversion was a turkey-gobbler.

FROM PETERS CREEK.

Mr. Editor: I will give you a few dots from this side, as we seem not to be represented of late in the county paper.

The meetings have closed at Peters Creek and Mount Tabor churches. We had some able and deep preaching at both places. Brother Garner of Union was at Peters Creek and Brother Simmons of Pickens was at Tabor. Some of the new members were around sixty years of age.

Well, we are having some warm weather, indeed; but not near as warm as our Uncle Sam will make it for those fellows over in West Virginia if they don't quit their mean-ness and go to work.

The young people enjoyed a nice singing at the home of Mr. E. T. Edens on the fourth Sunday. Prof. L. E. Lark conducted the singing and we thought it was fine.

Messrs. John Anderson, Eugene Edens and Lloyd Hendricks, of Oolenoy, attended the singing at Mr. E. T. Edens the fourth Sunday. The Misses Mary and Effie Leo Loper of Nine Forks, also attended this singing.

The many friends of Dr. J. M. Crenshaw will be sorry to learn that he is seriously sick at his home in Oolenoy.

The latest arrival at Mr. J. D. McConnell's is a fine boy. Wonder if his name is Warren G. Harding?

Looker On.

Read Sitton's ad announcing reduction in price of Fords.

Catastrophe That Overwhelmed the City of Pueblo Can Be Avoided by Proper Action.

A disastrous flood occurs, causing a loss of many human lives and millions of dollars' worth of property. What happens next? What precautions are taken to prevent disaster?

Usually what happens is that the suffering community courageously undertakes the task of reconstruction. The flood is called an "act of God," and confidence is felt that there will be no repetition of the calamity. But the conditions that gave rise to the disaster continue to exist, and such being the case, there is no assurance that it will not repeat itself.

If the catastrophe that overwhelmed the city of Pueblo is not to be repeated, again and yet again perhaps, preventive measures must be adopted. Dams must be built and reservoirs constructed at the headwaters of the Arkansas river to impound its floods.

The government reclamation service points out that floods not less destructive might occur in any year on the Rio Grande if the waters of that stream were not held in leash by the great Elephant Butte dam. Before that dam, with its vast reservoir, was constructed, flood time and again wreaked havoc in the vicinity of El Paso.

The Elephant Butte dam is one of the greatest engineering works on the globe. It is 305 feet high, nearly one-third of a mile long, and creates the largest irrigation reservoir in the world—an artificial lake covering 63 square miles and averaging 70 feet in depth. The water contained in the reservoir would cover the whole state of Connecticut to a depth of ten inches.

Development of similar works on the headwaters of the Arkansas river would not only prevent future floods, but would store water for irrigating hundreds of thousands of acres, and furnish water power for all the manufacturing industries in that part of the country.

NOTHING "SOFT" ABOUT THIS

Heavy Outfit and Intense Heat Make Life Miserable for Sentries at Buckingham Palace.

A reporter of the London Daily News writing sketches of the heat wave is especially sorry for the sentries outside of Buckingham palace. Their plight, he writes, would have melted the heart of Mr. Winston Churchill could he have seen them.

In the full glare of the sun, clad in thick serge trousers, heavy scarlet tunics, with tight belts and bearskin busbies, the guardsmen stood perspiring and half stifled.

Their outlook was upon a roadway stained with oil and reeking of petrol, flaring beds of scarlet geraniums, scorched brown grass and the shimmering heat reflecting copper work surmounting the Victoria memorial. The fountain was not playing and the surroundings were as devoid of coolness as an alfalfa plain. One almost expected to see scurrying tarantulas and lizards. It was tropical military service in English kit.

Small Clouds on Jupiter.

Prof. W. H. Pickering, in a recent address before the British Astronomical association, recalled the fact that during his observations at Arequipa he noticed that the surface of Jupiter, instead of being composed of uniform bands of yellowish white or brown, really consisted of an enormous number of extremely minute reddish brown clouds seen upon a perfectly white background. The effect of belts was produced where the cloudlets were numerous, and the light spaces where they were scarce. He compared the appearance of these spots to the well-known "rice grains" on the sun. Their length lay in the direction of rotation of the planet. He said he had since observed the cloudlets in Jamaica, and they have been seen in England by Phillips and Stevenson.—Scientific American.

The Omnipresent Reporter.

American newspapers are spending considerably more on their service abroad than for parallel service in America. Who knows better the things Americans are interested in than the managing editors who authorize this? Any event of more than local interest in Europe calls the American journalists to the spot. For example, one morning at 10 o'clock in London, I strolled into a British labor congress. I met there six American newspapermen, and but three or four British. Let any trouble start in Ireland and every New York paper will have its man on the scene inside of twelve hours. If he is not there already. All over Europe, stationed at strategic centers, is the American correspondent within reaching distance of anything that may happen.—From the New Republic.

Can't Lose Their Addresses.

New Jersey seaside mothers, who have been lathered in keeping tabs on their children, have adopted the method of embroidering their addresses on the back of the bathing suits worn by the youngsters. "I live at 37 South Texas avenue," read a neatly embroidered inscription across the shoulders of suits worn by two young bathers who strolled about the Chelsea beach the other day. When they were tired of the beach and breakers they turned their backs to the life guards and inquired: "How do we get where it says on our backs?" The necessary directions were given and they reached home safely.

But Separate Nationality for Ukraine Does Not Seem to Suit the Great Powers.

The Ukrainians are by far the most numerous of the races aspiring to independence through the disappearance of the Romanoffs and Hapsburgs. There are 35,000,000 Ukrainians, most of them in the six southern and southwestern former Russian "governments," or provinces, and in eastern Galicia.

The Ukraine is larger than Germany and twice as large as France. It stretches from the Carpathian mountains to the Black sea and the Caucasus. It contains the oil fields of Galicia and the famous Donetz coal and iron region. Almost all the cereals, cattle, sugar and salt exported from the former Russian empire came from the Ukraine.

If the Ukraine manages to survive and keep within its boundaries the territories in which its race predominates, it will be the most populous and the richest of the new states created by the war, and next to Russia, the largest country in Europe.

An independent Ukraine, however, does not seem to fit in with the interests of the victors in the World war, as these interests are conceived by their statesmen. Hence every possible effort is being made to deny the existence of a Ukrainian race. During the last few years the most absurd and unfounded statements about the Ukrainians have been circulated and have gained credence.—Herbert Adams Gibbons in the Century Magazine.

COMFORT FOR THE AVIATOR

Electrically Heated Coat Protects Against Extreme Cold Encountered in the High Altitudes.

An electrically heated garment, designed especially for use by aviators, has been developed by the genius of an Italian, Antonangelo Negromanti of Milan. It has certain very novel features.

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Thus, because of the barometric control of the electric current, the coat gives increasing warmth as the flying machine attains higher and higher altitudes. The higher the aviator goes the more the heat furnished for his comfort by the garment he wears.—Philadelphia Ledger.

An Eye Test by Ear.

Appropos of the oral method of instruction at present in vogue, a bachelor professor in one of the San Francisco medical schools tells a story on himself in connection with a clinic patient turned over to him for an eye examination.

Doctor Blank put the chart on the wall and commanded a small and shrinking six-year-old to read what he saw on it.

The child began painstakingly with a strange assortment of grunts and hisses. "Guh! Buh! Tuh! Br-r-r! Uh!"

Here the doctor interrupted. "No, no!" he commanded impatiently. "Don't make those sounds! Just read—read what's up there."

The little boy looked grieved and bewildered, and evidently decided he was not putting enough steam into his performance.

"Duh!" he ejaculated explosively. "Puh! Kuh! Uh-r-r!"

The poor child was red in the face, and the doctor about to hand him over to the office nurse to be taken down to the neurological clinic as a probable idiot, when the mother gently interfered and enlightened the ignorant bachelor.

Her little one had been taught to read by the phonetic method.

Confessions of a Cynic.

I am very fond of dynamite fire-crackers when they are shot off over in the next state.

I like humid weather, but not in a selfish way. I would just as soon let the other people have some of it.

I always read all the fiction magazines I can get. I think the ads are very interesting.

I never worry about little things—like microbes. There are so many bigger things that are worth while.

I would like to know what kind of a battle fleet a Pacific fleet is, anyhow.

I have never had time to play golf, and don't believe I have missed very much.—New York Mail.

New 'Chute.

A new adaptation of the parachute has been experimented upon by the army air service. This consists of carrying the parachute in the rear of the fuselage with certain special equipment. When accident makes it necessary for the pilot to leave his plane in midair he simply pulls a lever, disconnecting himself and a section of the rear fuselage from the rest of the plane.

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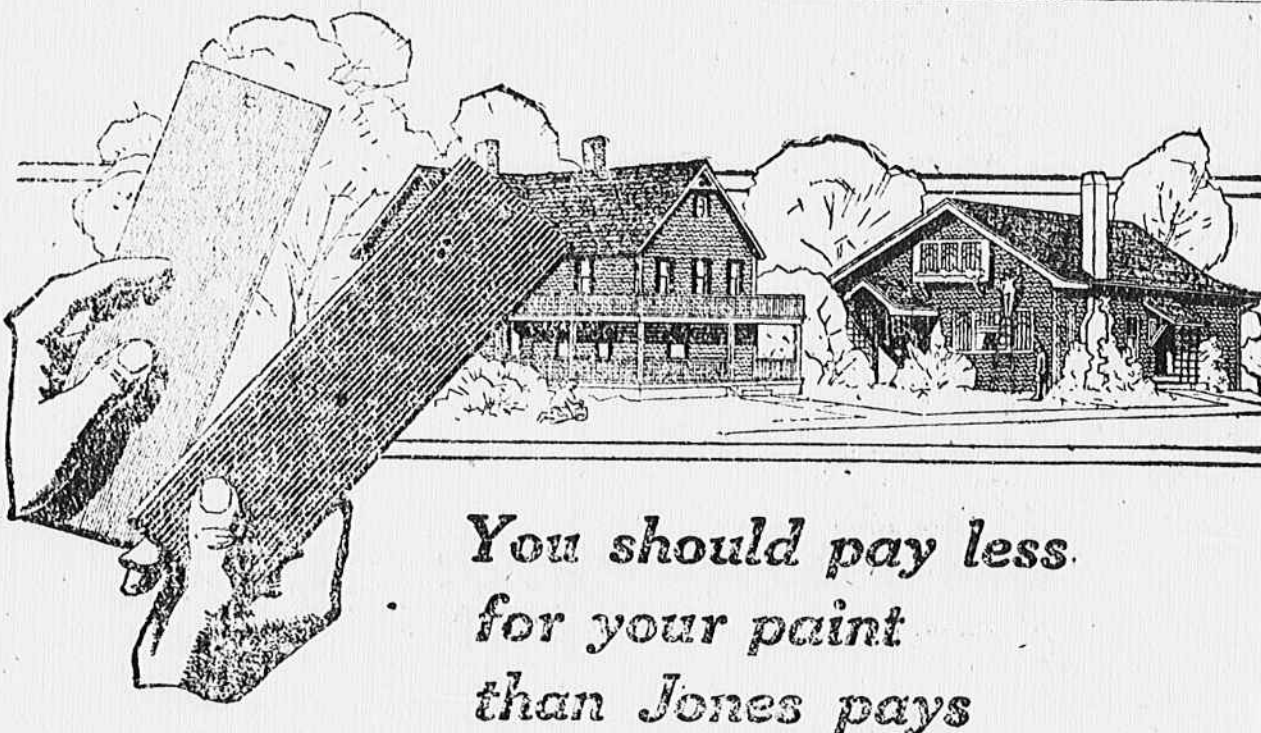
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